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SUBJECT: THEMES OF CYPRIOT PRESS

1. EASTER WEEKEND MAY 2-5 BRINGS US GREEK PRESSMAN'S HOLIDAY. (REGULAR GREEK PAPERS WILL APPEAR ONLY MAY 3.) CURRENT MEDIA THEMES AS FOLLOWS.

2. VIENNA TALKS. PAPERS HAVE SHIFTED FROM INITIALLY HOPEFUL REPORTS OF "PROGRESS" TO MORE DOWNBEAT TONES. MAY 1 PRESS DWELLS ON "DIFFICULTIES", WITH CONSENSUS THAT END OF VIENNA ROUND WILL NOT BREAK DEADLOCK. SOME PAPERS SAY THAT COMMITTEE MAY BE FORMED TO TREAT REFUGEE QUESTION. ALL EDITS REMAIN RESERVED, IF NOT SUSPICIOUS RE "PROGRESS" IN VIENNA. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON MAY 1 WARNED THAT TURK INTRANSIGENCE, DELAYING TACTICS HAVE CREATED PESSIMISM AS TO OUTCOME.

3. VIETNAM. MAJOR ISSUE IN ALL MEDIA. MOST PAPERS HAVE WELCOMED RESULT.

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PORTRAYS DEBACLE AS ROUT FOR IMPERIALISM AND ITS

STOOGES.

B. RIGHT (PATRIS) CITES EVENT AS PROOF THAT USG
IS UNRELIABLE, MALICIOUS ALLY. HOSTILITY OF RIGHT PRI-
MARILY DUE TO STRONG ANTI-US FEELING WHICH AROSE FROM
1974 CYPRUS CRISIS.

C. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS CALLED ON GOC TO RECOGNIZE
PRG. COMMENT: RECOGNITION ANNOUNCED MAY 1. END COMMENT.)

4. COMMONWEALTH MEETING. MODERATE FOCUS ON MAKARIOS'
APRIL 29 SPEECH CALLING ON UN TO INVOLVE ITSELF MORE
VIGOROUSLY IN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WE WILL SEE
HEAVIER COVERAGE WHEN ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM
TODAY.

5. MAY 1 BEING OBSERVED IN VERY SUBDUED MANNER. NO
PARADES.

6. HOLY WEEK. WOMEN'S GROUPS HAVE CALLED FOR SIT-DOWN
DEMONSTRATION IN METAXAS SQUARE EASTER SUNDAY TO PROTEST
OVER UNRESOLVED FATE OF MISSING PERSONS. HEAVY PUBLICITY
IN PRO-GOC PRESS.

7. TURK PRESS HAS FOCUSED ON VIETNAM, VIENNA AND CONSTITUTION
(SEPTEL).
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